

Remarks

None of the amendments are believed to add new matter.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, allowed claims 39-56 are pending in the application. Claims 1-38 and 57-62 are being cancelled and pursued in a continuation application.


The amendments to the specification and drawings corrects formal matters, such as typographical errors and minor inconsistencies between the reference numbers used in the written specification and on the drawings, without changing the scope of the claims. Support for the amendments to the written specification are found in the paragraphs being amended, which are noted by the replacement paragraph numbers provided above, and the relevant figures. The change to FIG. 13 corrects a reference number "334" to "344" as shown in the attached Annotated Marked-up Drawing for FIG. 13. Support for this change is found in the written specification (see, e.g., paragraph [0103] on page 44, which describes "run state 344"). The changes to FIGs. 19, 20, and 21 merely involve replacing hand written reference numbers with mechanically drawn reference numbers, without changing the values of the reference numbers. Replacement Sheets for FIGs. 13, 19, 20, and 21 are attached.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these Amendments be entered.

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above Amendments are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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